A case has been registered and investigation has been taken up by the CBI in this regard.

(d) It has been decided to nominate only serving officers to serve on the recruitment committees in future.

Appointment on Compassionate Ground

5163. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations regarding appointment of dependents of deceased railway employees on compassionate grounds have been received by the Government during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) the steps initiated to ensure their recruitment expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a large number of representations regarding compassionate appointments are received by MR/MOS(R) in the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) office as well as by the Zonal Railways including Divisional Headquarters and Production Units etc., it is not feasible to give the details of such representations.

(c) and (d) Such representations are considered on merits keeping in view the extant policy regarding compassionate appointments and appropriate action is taken as warranted.

Metre Gauge Rail Lines

5164. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the kilometers on which metre gauge line is operating at present in the country zone-wise;

(b) the details regarding diesel rail engines and coaches provided to each Zonal Railway on metre gauge line during each of the last three years;

(c) the details regarding new rail passenger services provided on metre gauge line during the above period under Ratlam Railway Division; and

(d) the details regarding facilities given to Mass Rapid Rail Service between Ujjain-Indore-Ujjain?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) length (Route kilometres) of metre gauge lines zone-wise as on 31.3.96 (latest available):

Railways zone	Metre Gauge Route Kilometres
Northern	2,075
Northern Eastern	3,514
Northeast Frontier	2,685
Southern	3,270
South Central	2,119
Western	4,838
Total	18,501

(b) Railways have not manufactured and supplied any MG diesel locos and coaches to zonal railways during the last three years. However, due to gauge conversion some Metre Gauge locos and coaches have been transferred from one railway to another depending upon the gauge conversion programme.

(c) 69/70 Mhow-Indore Fast passenger introduced.

(d) 9303/9304 Indore-Ujjain-Bhopal Inter-city Express (DMU) introduced.

Mining Lease of Alumina Project in Orissa

5165. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any alumina project for want of sanction of mining lease;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present position of the project alongwith the reasons for delay in clearance; and

(d) the time by which project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (d) The State Government have sent a proposal for approval to the grant of mining lease for Bauxite over 1388.74 hectares in village Baphalimali in Rayagada district of Orissa in favour of M/s. Orissa Mining Corporation. The Orissa Mining Corporation and INDALCO has reached an agreement that once a lease is sanctioned in favour of Orissa Mining Corporation, it will be transferred to INDALCO or the JVC named Utkal Alumina International. The State Government expects that the project will be covered within two years from the date of transfer of lease in favour of INDALCO.

Increased Traffic

5166. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passenger traffic both domestic and international have increased largely over the years;

(b) if so, the rate of growth of traffic during the last three years;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India is awaiting for clearance from the Government to build more terminals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average growth of international traffic during the last 3 years was around 8% and in respect of domestic traffic it was 11%.

(c) and (d) Proposals regarding construction of 2nd Phase of International Passenger Terminal at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi and construction of 2nd Phase of Domestic Passenger Terminal at Mumbai are being processed.

Facilities to Actors Going Abroad

5167. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up any catalogue of troupe of dance, drama and music in the country and to enable them to project the good image of our Nation while going abroad;

(b) whether any facility is given to them by Government for publishing and drawing up of programmes through Indian Missions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. The Song and Drama Division does not have any scheme/provision to send troupes abroad.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Posting of Train Superintendents in Trains

5168. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had selected 50 trains to post train superintendents in the trains for the year 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether train superintendents have been posted in the said selected trains and necessary resources have been made available to them;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government are committed to ensure the implementation of said decision and whether Union Government propose to select additional trains for this purpose for the year 1996-97; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) and (d) Train Superintendents have been posted in 20 pairs of trains so far and in other trains, postings have been delayed due to non-availability of suitable staff etc.

(e) and (f) Decision to provide Train Superintendents in other trains will be taken up only when the trains already specified are covered fully. All efforts are underway to post Train Superintendents in the selected trains.

Statement

List of Trains:

Central Railway:

1. 1037/1038 Punjab Mail.
2. 1077/1078 Jhelum Express.
3. 1081/1082 Mumbai VT-Kanniyakumari Express.
4. 1013/1014 Kurla-Bangalore Express.
5. 1015/1016 Kushinagar Express.
6. 1033/1034 Pushpak Express.
7. 1093/1094 Mahanagri Express.
8. 1027/1028 Dadar-Amritsar Express.

Eastern Railway:

1. 2303/2304 Poorva Express.
2. 2311/2312 Kalka Mail.
3. 2381/2382 Poorva Express.
4. 2391/2392 Maghad/Vikramshila Express.
5. 3003/3004 Howrah-Mumbai VT Mail.
6. 3073/3074 Himgiri Express.

Northern Railway:

1. 2479/2480 Goa Express.
2. 4067/4068 Malwa Express.
3. 2401/2402 Sharamjeevi Express.
4. 2473/2474 Sarvodaya Express.
5. 2475/2476 Rajkot-Jammu Tawi Express.
6. 2477/2478 Hapa-Jammu Tawi Express.